

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>AMENDMENT (with RCE)</b>	Title: METHODS, SYSTEMS AND ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE FOR SOFT HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING OF CO-OCCURRING OBJECTS	
	Inventor(s):	Eric Gaussier et al.
	Application No.:	09/982,236
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Examiner:	Cam Linh T. Nguyen
	Art Unit:	2161
	Decision on Appeal:	January 8, 2009

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Decision on Appeal dated January 8, 2009, Applicants request amendment of the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

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